

Amendments to the Claims:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A bucket and bucket rigging assembly including a bucket having two spaced apart side walls and a base, a central hoist trunnion attached to the bucket base midway between said side walls, and one hoist chain coupled to said central hoist trunnion.

2. (original) A bucket and bucket rigging assembly in accordance with Claim 1 and further including a trunnion link attached to the central hoist trunnion, and wherein the one hoist chain is attached to the trunnion link.

3. (currently amended) A bucket and bucket rigging assembly in accordance with Claim 1, said bucket further including a base, a forward end, a rearward end, side walls and a rear wall, and a center of gravity located between said forward end and said rearward end, and wherein wherein said one central hoist trunnion is attached to the base and located between the center of gravity and said rear wall.

4. (currently amended) A rigging assembly including spaced apart first and second hoist sockets, a hoist chain adapted to be attached to a bucket, a link including a two ends and a central section, means for pivotally attaching the first hoist socket to one link end and means for pivotally attaching the second hoist socket to the other link end, and means for pivotally attaching the hoist chain to the link central section.

Claims 5 - 6 (canceled)

7. (currently amended) A bucket including a base, a forward end, a rearward end, two spaced apart side walls and a rear wall, a center of gravity located between said forward end and said rearward end, and one central hoist trunnion attached to the base midway between said side walls and located between the center of gravity and said rear wall.